



Allen Smiley, above, Hollywood sporting figure, was an eyewitness to the shooting of Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel. He was sitting in a room with Siegel when the gunfire blasted through a side window. His coat was pierced by one of the bullets.

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## Recall Siegel Had Life of Riley While in L. A. Jail

Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel's recollections of his life in the Los Angeles County Jail under a murder indictment, which precipitated a grand jury investigation of alleged irregular jail activities, was recalled here today as police searched underworld haunts in search of his murderer.

While he awaited trial for the slaying of Harry "Big Greeny" Schachter, of which he was later cleared, it was charged that he ate steak and pheasant at mealtime while the other prisoners got beef stew and beans.

He wore tailored clothes while the others sported faded blue denim. Fellow prisoners even shined his shoes.

He kept getting out of jail to "go to the dentist," and was only kept in 18 days out of the 49 he was supposed to have been confined.

On one of the 19 "visits to the dentist" his deputy sheriff guard introduced him to Actress Wendie Harris and they all had lunch together in a Hollywood cafe.

It was charged that when he left the jail on one of his frequent trips he was attired in expensive clothes laid out for him by a private valet he assertedly chose from among fellow jail inmates.

The grand jury charged Siegel with slaying Schachter on Thanksgiving night, 1940, at the El Comodoro hotel, 1504 Vista Del Mar avenue.

Investigators later found \$32,000 worth of unaccounted checks Siegel had given Dr. Benjamin Blank, the county jail physician, who gave Siegel permission to see the dentist.

Dr. Blank explained that he and Siegel were old friends and that the checks merely repaid a loan.

He was suspended as a result of the investigation.

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## Buron Fitts

"I always felt we had a pretty strong case against 'Bugsy' Siegel in 1940," former District Attorney Buron Fitts recalled today.

Edmond Fitts, a prominent attorney now awaiting his discharge from the United States Army, said he was prepared to try Siegel for murder after the gangster was indicted by the Los Angeles County Grand Jury for the murder of Harry "Big Greeny" Schachter on Thanksgiving

## Recalls 1940 Murder Case Against Siegel

ing ave, 1939, at 1504 Vista Del Mar avenue.

"I remember Siegel as a pal of Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, New York mobster," Fitts said. "We had woven a pretty tight net around Siegel for the Schachter killing. But before the case came to trial I went out of office and the charge against Siegel subsequently was dismissed."

Fitts indicated he was not surprised to hear Siegel had been "ratted out."

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Martin Belorossky, from whose driveway the shots were fired, said he was awakened and instinctively yelled "Police!"

But inside the Hill home panic reigned.

Then she saw blood running down Buggy's face and Smiley yelled: "Down the lights—they're shooting through the windows!"

Expensive oil paintings, statu-  
ary and other art objects also  
were hit.

Bugry and Smiley had just returned from a beach dinner with Miss Mason and Charles Hill.

That Siegel had no forewarning was indicated by his attorney, Joe [redacted], who said Bugsy was "un-  
surprised" when he discussed busi-  
ness matters with him late year  
[redacted].

Described by friends as Broadway habitue and hostess of fabulous wartime parties in New York, Mrs. Hill left Beverly Hills Saturday and is reported to be in Paris.



The slayer, believed by police to be a high-priced, expert gunman, apparently crept up the adjoining driveway at 806 N. Linden Dr.

It was at Valentine's day party "Valcon 1938," where Sam Hill established himself as a comedian, who first came to the West Coast.

The mystery woman, with a brief appearance as an actress when she played in a late house in Sam Goldwyn's "Wall of Fire." She was said to have come from a poor Georgia family and craved society when she married a wealthy Southerner. (Her marriage later reportedly had collapsed.)

Considered to lengthen the mourning at the death scene was one of Siegel's henchmen, "Bugsy" (The Comedian) Morrell, who flew here with Bugsy.

A short, bald man with a penchant for dark clothes, said he, last seen "yesterday morning."

Held in protective custody in Beverly Hills jail as a material witness, Hudley told chief deputy district attorney Ernest Ball the shooting took place "10 minutes after we arrived home."

"Hudley left jail shortly before noon for an undisclosed destination."

Siegel's two daughters by a former marriage—Millie, 14, and Barbara, 12—were reported on route here from a New York finishing school with their mother.

They were due to arrive tomorrow morning at Union station.

Siegel's closest associate as a West Coast gangster covered a decade and included arrests, trials and acquittals on charges ranging from misdemeanors to murder.

In August 1940 Siegel and Hudley were captured by police at Bugsy's Hollywood Hills estate in a roundup of suspects in the 1939 Thanksgiving eve slaying of Harry (Big George) Greenberg, alias Harry Schickler.



BUGSIE SIEGEL  
WAS HERE

Indicted in 1941 for the slaying along with Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, Emanuel Weiss, Harry Segal and Frank Carter, Siegel was acquitted after a four-month trial in which he was labeled America's No. 1 gangster and West Coast chief of Murder, Inc.

While awaiting trial in county jail, disclosures of favoritism toward Bugsy led to suspension of two jail officials. Bugsy, it was revealed, ate steak and pheasant for breakfast, once lunched with actress Wendie Barrie when he presumably was allowed out of jail to get his teeth fixed.

In 1941 Siegel was arrested at his home at 250 N. Delmar Dr., West Los Angeles, where he lived with his wife and two children.

This time he was indicted on a charge of harboring New York gangster Buchalter. He was never convicted.

During the hearing, Bugsy created a sensation in testifying that at the time he was alleged to have been harboring Buchalter he actually was having an audience with the Pope in Rome.

Siegel also claimed to be palmy with the King of Greece, King Victor Emmanuel of Italy and the Duke of Spoleto, who later became the King of Croatia.

In 1941 Siegel was arrested with Sullivan felony bookmaking charges. At his trial actor George Raft called the charges "the most ridiculous thing I ever heard of."

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# Revenge, gangster quarrel held motives in Bugsy Siegel murder

Two slugs that punctuated the career of Bugsy Siegel last night with some pretty definite periods, also left some pretty important question marks.

Who did it? Why? Who's next?

Bugsy's life was not one that lacks in plenty of meat for theorizing as to who dunit and why—placing a finger almost anywhere in any known racket could develop a reason for killing him.

Bugsy, said one old-time homicide detective today, had been a candidate for a morgue slot for a long, long time. Actually, he declared, it's amazing Siegel kept his health as long as he did.

Police theorizing—keeping strictly to the line that it was a professional job—followed these main theories.

1—Revenge for the murder of Harry (Big Greenie) Greenberg, alias Harry Schachter, who was bumped off in front of his Hollywood apartment in typical gangster style in 1939.

Big Greenie and Bugsy were once members of Murder Inc., an outfit that fell in later days, to turning its talents on its own members.

When the organization was broken up, Bugsy reportedly got the job of liquidating Greenberg. He was arrested for the murder

but released after a four-month trial.

Some of Greenberg's friends are still around—they may feel that justice miscarried on that one and he took matters in their own hands.

2—The local angle: West Coast gangsters have often demonstrated they take a back seat to nobody in the style and frequency of their killings.

Legal underworld characters say Bugsy had been losing money on his part of the \$5,000,000 super-gambling club Flamingo in Las Vegas.

One source said the Flamingo had lost \$200,000 at the gaming tables and that certain syndicates which bought blocks of the stock were "extremely annoyed" by Bugsy's failure to earn them a profit.

Yesterday, others say, Bugsy came down from Vegas to put the pressure on the network of subordinate gamblers and bookies he runs for an increase in his take.

It was that pressure that may have pulled the trigger on Bugsy

—and not the first time a gangster has been paid off with lead.

Based on to the local theory was the possibility one of Siegel's associates was getting ambitious and wanted to take over.

A recent "associate," one investigator said, was a young man with police rape—including murder—and suspected of having more guts than brains.

"It is my strongest hunch that this fellow did away with Siegel," the investigator said, "and he undoubtedly will be one of the first brought in for questioning."

3—Getting a lot of attention here even before the Siegel killing is the theory eastern gangsters are slowly moving in and taking over West Coast operations.

Supporters of this theory cited the killings of Big Greenie, Benny (The Meatball) Gansone, Pauley Gibbons and George Levinson, as well as numerous gangland incidents that seemingly followed no set pattern of policy as support for their beliefs.

And whether the slaying of Bugsy was the result of inter-gang warfare here or of eastern interests moving in, observers predicted more and bloodier of the same.

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*—Daily News photo*  
EVEN BUGSY WOULD HAVE AGREED KILLER KNEW WELL HOW TO HANDLE HIS AUTOMATIC  
This dog slipped through the curtain for fight, and Stoppel slipped back from his newspaper

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SLUGS SPENT THEMSELVES IN RICH STATUARY AND ORIGINAL OILS  
Rubout played hob with Virginia Hill's glitz and antiques

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THEIR GAY BEACH PARTY ENDED IN BUGSY'S SUDDEN DEMISE  
Charles Hill, 20; Jerri Mason, 24, were upstairs

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# Where death caught up with Bugsy Siegel



ONLY STONE LIONS STOOD SENTINEL IN FRONT OF MANSION WHERE SIEGEL WAS RUBBED OUT  
Swank Linden Ave. home, near Sunset Blvd., is cloaked with thick shrubbery

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SWIFTY (THE COMEDIAN) MORGAN QUESTIONED  
Bucon Siegel's pal says he wasn't around for the shooting

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# Police Start Hanning for Killer of racketeer



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**Crashing**

**Gunfire**

**Told by**

**Smiley at**

**Siegel**

**Inquest**



John Smiley, who identified  
Siegel's body, is shown in the  
middle of the largest photo  
of the Siegel's apartment.

Archie Brown, secretary to Virginia Hill, in whose apartment  
Siegel was slain, and Charles Hill, brother of Virginia Hill,  
are shown as they appeared today at the inquest. They  
testified that in the room part of the room where Siegel  
was killed.

## End of Gangland Trail



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A dramatic eyewitness account of the gangster slaying of Charles Hill, who was killed by a bullet fired from a .30 caliber carabine shot, was related today by Miss Smiley, Hollywood actress, who barely escaped death herself in the blast that killed Siegel, reported that he was sitting in the livingroom at the home of Virginia Hill, Alabama heiress, with Siegel, when he heard a series of sharp explosions.

"As fast I thought it was five crackers—maybe a gag of some kind," Smiley said.

"Then I turned and saw Miss Mason stamped on the floorport just to me with that or five bullets in her back, all covered with blood."

**YELLS FOR POLICE**  
"In less time than it takes to tell it, I flew to the door and yelled to the people upstairs (Charles Hill, the heiress' brother, and Miss Jorri Mason, her secretary).

"I shouted, 'Lights out! Call a doctor! Call the police!'

"They wanted to know what had happened, and I yelled back: 'Siegel's been shot. Hurry up and get a doctor!'

A few minutes later Miss Mason came downstairs to the livingroom, and stood beneath a light, he said.

"I told her to get that light out in a hurry, and get out of there," Smiley told the jury.

"Then she put out the lights and told me that a doctor and the police had been called."

He said he had been sitting nearest the window, directly in the line of fire, and that one of the .30 caliber carabine shots had ripped through his sleeve.

"I didn't even notice it in all the excitement," he said, "until somebody pointed at my coat sleeve when I got to the Beverly Hills police station."

He admitted that he was associated with "Bugsy" as a stockholder in the gangster's fabulous \$5,000,000 Flamingo gambling casino in Las Vegas, but added:

"I don't know of any friends that could have caused the shooting, and I have no idea who could have fired the shot."

#### 'A COMPLETE SHOCK'

"It all came as a complete shock to me and I have no milking of what was behind it." A few minutes before taking the stand Smiley went to the county morgue, where Siegel's body has lain undisturbed on a slab, and identified the body.

He looked at the body for a few seconds and said laconically: "That's him."

#### BIG TOE TAGGED

The body was undisturbed, save for a sheet, and a tag attached to the big toe of the right foot marked the gangster's epitaph.

It read: "June 21, 1947. Homicide. Benjamin Siegel, 810 North Linden drive."

Later the coroner's office was notified by Groman's mortuary, 830 West Washington boulevard, that they had an order signed by Dr. Maurice Siegel, the slain man's brother, to remove the body for funeral services and burial. Arrangements were being completed today.

A second witness, the flaming red-haired Miss Mason, corroborated Smiley's story before the jury which returned a verdict that the underworld czar's death was caused by a cerebral hemorrhage "as a result of gunshot wounds inflicted by a prison or persons unknown."

"I was upstairs with Mr. Hill pulling tacks out of a carpet because we were going to move to Florida."

Continuing her testimony, Miss Mason said "we heard quick shots downstairs."

"Then I heard Mr. Smiley yell for us to call a doctor quick," she said.

"They're shooting through the windows," he was yelling. "Down all the lights!"

In answer to Chief District Attorney S. Ernest Roll's query as to whether Siegel maintained a room regularly at the Hill home, she said:

"There was a guest room, there, and many guests used it."

"Did Mr. Siegel have a key to the door?"

"I don't know," she replied.

#### PARIS CABLE

Miss Mason also testified that telegram to Charles Hill from his sister was received from Paris on June 20, which read:

"Arrived O. K. Send all of my things in care of Nicholas Fouillat, 4 Rue de Castiglione, Paris."

Charles Hill also took the stand briefly, relating the same story told by the others.

After the inquest, District Attorney William E. Simpson "invited" Hill and Miss Mason to his office, where they were interrogated at greater length.

District attorney's investigators revealed that Miss Mason, who once was personal hairdresser to Marie "The Body" McDonald, was engaged to Hill and that they planned to marry soon.

Efforts were being made to prevent a large Chicago-style gangster funeral, and keep the services private for the sake of Siegel's two daughters, Barbara, 14, and Millicent, 16, who arrived here from New York last Sunday.

Meanwhile, it was reported from Las Vegas that Miss Hill, who had left for Paris a week before the slaying, became ill from an overdose of sleeping tablets when she visited the Nevada resort town with the gang chief last month, according to Clark County Physician Jack Cherry.

Siegel brought her to the doctor's office on May 5 to have her stomach pumped out, Dr. Cherry said.

"When I asked them whether it was an accident or a suicide attempt, they would give neither reason nor motive," he said.

#### RETURNED TO CASINO

He added that Siegel waited until Miss Hill was revived six hours later and took her back to his ornate gambling casino.

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## Siegel's Friends Tell Terror During Slaying

### Dropped to Floor in Fright, Inquest Told; Smiley First Thought It Was Gag

Bugsy Siegel's companions turned out the lights and lay terrified on the floor of a Beverly Hills mansion when bullets poured through a window at the gangster last Friday night.

They told their stories yesterday to a coroner's jury which gave the same stab verdict it might render in the case of a murderer's body found in an alley.

"Death at the hands of person or persons unknown."

Allen Smiley, who was sitting beside Siegel on a divan when a ripping burst of nine shots killed the gangster, said:

"At first I thought it was firecrackers or a gag of some kind."

"Then I saw Ben slump on the divanport. His head was streaming with blood."

"I leapt to the floor and yelled to the people upstairs: 'Lights out! Call a doctor! Call the police!'"

"Miss Mason (Jerri Mason) ran downstairs and was standing under a light. I shouted 'Get out of here! Turn off that light! They're shooting through the window!'"

"Then everything was quiet. We didn't hear anybody running away or hear a car leave."

Smiley, who described himself as a stockholder in Siegel's Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, made the formal identification of the racketeer at the county morgue.

"That's him," he said shortly as they drew back the sheet showing the once-dapper gambler wearing only a bag on his hip and

## WERE UPSTAIRS

"His death was a complete shock to me," Smiley told the jury of nine men. "I have no idea who killed him."

Smiley said he met Siegel Friday afternoon, took him to a barber shop and then to the home at 330 Linden drive for dinner and went to a new restaurant in Glendale Park.

There were four in the party—Siegel, Smiley, Jerri Mason and Charles H. Kuhl, the latter two the secretary and brother of Virginia Hill, who rented the Linden drive house.

Miss Mason corroborated some points of Smiley's account and added:

"We (she and Kuhl) were upstairs while Mr. Siegel and Mr. Smiley sat downstairs. We were pulling back out of a secret because we were getting ready to move to Florida."

"Then we heard the shots and shooting downstairs. We didn't hear anybody running away."

Kuhl said he worked at the Flamingo as a slot machine

technician and Siegel was "over the whole place."

"When I heard the shots I thought of my gun—a Mauser—but I didn't know where it was. Siegel had a gun, too, a Colt .38. He had asked me for it that day. I guess he was going to pack it. He put it in a drawer."

(A Colt .380 and a Mauser were found by police in a locked closet upstairs with Siegel's suits.)

The only other inquest witness was Captain of Detectives William W. White of Beverly Hills. He set the time of the shooting at 10:30 p. m., exhibited photographs of the scene and told the jury how the shots were fired.

He said he had "no theory" as to the killers.

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# **LAS VEGAS PROBE**

District Attorney's investigators returned from Las Vegas yesterday, saying they had been unable to find strong evidence that Siegel's assassination was ordered from there.

They found Siegel originally owned 10 per cent of stock in Nevada Projects Corporation, which built the Flamingo. He became president when William R. Wilkinson, Hollywood publisher and cafe owner, sold his reported \$125,000 interest. Siegel may have acquired more stock than Siegel reportedly lost between \$20,000 and \$50,000 in a head-and-head crap game against a gambler named Stoper, the agents learned, and was playing with the Flamingo's money.

In Tijuana, Federal agents were questioning Francisco Frankie the Good) Orbe, convicted of murder two years ago, who said Siegel cheated him of \$22,000 in opium transactions.

Siegel's connections with the narcotics traffic have been established by narcotics agents who saw Charles (Lucky) Luciano, Mafia leader, had threatened to hit Siegel on the spot.

In Mexicali, suspected narcotics peddlers were rounded up in an effort to solve the machinegun slaying of Dallas Chief James Meneses Sunday night.

Inspector-General Chas. H. Robinson of the Lower California police force said he had information that would "almost certainly" lead to Meneses' slayer. Meneses had been fighting

gunsters on the Mexico-California border.

Investigation of Siegel's deal with the bookmaker wire service racket revealed that his Trans-American News Service was dissolved, at least nominally, in Los Angeles last month.

The Examiner learned that Trans-American had merged or made some other deal with Continental News Service, one of the successors of Moe Ammen's National News Service.

Sergeant John Hanrahan of the Chicago police conferred with Captain White in Beverly Hills yesterday. He was accompanied by Lieutenant George Bowman of the Los Angeles gangster squad. Hanrahan was bent to pick up a prisoner wanted in Chicago and have White information about

Chicago associates of Siegel.

A third powerful Federal agency moved into the Siegel case yesterday when the Alcohol Tax Unit went into action. It will operate under the National Firearms Act.

Shortly after the inquest, Siegel's body was taken from the county Morgue by Greman Brothers' Mortuary, 230 West Washington boulevard.

The coroner's office said Dr. Maurice Siegel, brother of the slain man, gave his permission. No funeral arrangements have been announced, but it was believed it would be a small, private service. Siegel's ex-wife and two daughters are in seclusion here.

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# **IEGEL PROBER SCAN HILL GIRL'S DASH TO PARIS**

**Sudden Hop Studied; Raft, Too,  
Books Plane Seats to City**

Virginia Hill's sudden departure for Paris two weeks before her friend, Bugsy Siegel, was shot to death in her Beverly Hills home was studied closely yesterday by authorities seeking his slayer.

In fact, Paris strongly came to figure more and more in the jaws of the investigation.

William R. Wilkerson, former partner of Siegel in the Flamingo Hotel at Las Vegas, is also in the French capital.

Movie Gangster George Raft, lifelong friend of Siegel, booked two plane seats on TWA for Paris next Saturday, the Examiner learned.

In Los Angeles, Miss Hill's secretary, red-haired Nedra Mason, and her younger brother, Charles E. (Chick) Hill, were questioned by investigators for the District Attorney's office.

They were in the house when Siegel was killed.

Miss Mason and Hill, who are engaged to be married, joined Ben Smiley, Siegel's business associate, in telling a newspaper the dramatic story of the slaying yesterday.

## **LIGHTS OUT**

They said they turned out the lights and lay on the floor when bullets started raining through the window of Siegel.

(The name of Marie (The Body) McDonald, Siegel's mistress, now engaged to actor Magnate Harry Kal, was linked with the recent personal life of Siegel yesterday.

Siegel said she was working in a beauty parlor when Miss McDonald met her and employed her as a secretary.

They went to Las Vegas in April for a "honeymoon" and since then, Miss Siegel and Miss Mason.

"I have been trying to get my life straightened out," said Miss Mason. "I have been to the judges because I was attractive to him. I quit her and went to work for Miss Hill."

## **WARNED**

Miss Hill in Paris has received underworld orders to keep her mouth shut, the New York Mirror learned.

Newspapers located and interviewed her for two days before "The Mob" got her on the trans-Atlantic telephone.

The dangerous operations of Siegel in gambling, bookmaking and narcotics were also being explored by local and Federal authorities.

His Trips - A American News Service, which furnishes fast race reports to bookmakers, was said to have been established in Chicago by remnants of the old Capone gang. It competed with established firms in Phoenix, Las Vegas, Reno, Los Angeles and St. Louis.

(Photos and details of Siegel in next on Page 2.)



**SHOCKED** — Jerl Mason, secretary of Virginia Mill, in whose home Siegel died.



**TESTIFIES** — Charles Hill, brother of Virginia, who intends to wed Jerl Mason.



**CLOSE** — Allen Smiley, right, points out to Chief Det. S. Ernest Roff where Smiley and Ben (Bugie) Siegel were sitting when latter was shot.

## Underworld Keeps Its Secrets About Siegel

Los Angeles Officers Discover No Clues on Sensational Slaying in Trip to Las Vegas

The underworld yesterday hung tightly to its secret of the Benjamin (Bugie) Siegel murder.

An inquest into the Friday night gangland slaying resulted in a cryptic finding: "Cerebral hemorrhage . . . gunshot wound of the head inflicted by person or persons unknown . . . We recommend further investigation."

Las Vegas (Nev.) gamblers disclosed nothing.

If any knew the murderer, he would not talk. If any would know any clues, he stayed silent.

### No Clues in Nevada

Chief Investigator H. Leo Stanley, Capt. Everett Davis and Charles Ebbets Jr. of the District Attorney's office returned from Nevada almost empty-handed.

So did Lt. Joe Vignera, head of the Sheriff's gangster squad.

They know that Siegel ran into a terrific feud when he began moving out of the Trans-American Wire Service and buying in the Consolidated Wire Service, both providing strong evidence.

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Stanley said he had been paying \$1100 a day for the Consolidated service. "Some gang-boss and heads feared Siegel would become czar of a racket-territory and bookie kingdom which would rule eight western states."

#### Fearful Deeds Committed

Others feared he would seize control of narcotics smuggling on the Mexican border.

Federal inspectors yesterday said the same gang might have killed Siegel in Beverly Hills Friday night and engaged in a gun fight with customs patrolmen near Calexico Sunday night. A few hours later Police Chief Juan Meneses of Mexico said Meneses long was a foe of dope smugglers.

The District Attorney's and Sheriff's men learned that Siegel owned only a 10 per cent share of the luxurious Flamingo Club in Las Vegas, but he controlled its gambling casino.

The club opened last year with an investment of \$1,500,000. Stanley and Capt. Davis said it ran on a shed up to \$5,000,000. Siegel, being it was losing, stepped in with more funds in an attempt to recoup.

His Hollywood playboy tactics proved helpful. Film stars placed the chips. Once Siegel dropped \$50,000 in cash while shooting dice with an eastern gambler named Stoner. "That \$50,000 was house money though," Stanley remarked.

Among the visitors were Virginia Hill, the divorcee at whose Beverly Hills home Siegel was slain.

#### Start Going to Paris

Miss Hill now is in Paris. Siegel's long-time friend, George Hart, got a reservation to fly tomorrow on a T.W.A. Constellation to New York and from there to Paris on Sunday.

The film actor denied that he will see Miss Hill. But investors speculated otherwise.

Raft is part owner of Star Line, an independent company, and is traveling with Herbert Silverberg, attorney for Star. Raft's departure was contingent upon getting visas approved. "Strictly business," he insisted. "We've been planning this trip for two months, to get background material for our next picture."

Miss Hill's brother Charles admitted he intends to marry his secretary, Jean Mason. They are moving to Miami. They said Miss Hill intends to buy wine in France and establish a wine agency in Florida, where she has another home.

#### Smiley Sees Tense

The inquest in the Hall of Justice was held behind doors guarded by deputy sheriffs. The coroner's room was jammed with spectators, scattered among them were Los Angeles and Beverly Hills plain-clothes men, District Attorney's investigators and Sheriff's officers.

Most tense of the witnesses was Allen Smiley, who sat beside Siegel in the home at 514 N. Linden Drive, Beverly Hills, when the gangland bullets sped Friday night.

Smiley parked his car on Broadway, across the road, cautiously and kept peering at the windows.

"We got home some time after 10:30 Friday night," he testified. "Then I sat down on theavenport to read the morning paper. Miss Mason and Charles Hill went upstairs."

"Suddenly there was a noise. 'I looked up quickly and thought it was a bunch of firecrackers. For a second I thought it might be a dog. I looked up at the face and saw blood all over it so I instinctively fell on the floor for my own protection."

"I trooped up to Miss Mason and Hill to call the doctor and the police and to get out the night after Miss Mason came down and stood there in the night."

#### Watches Windows

"I yelled, 'Put out the lights and get out of here! Call the police! Call the doctor!'"

Smiley's hands twitched. He was watching the windows again.

His story of that fatal day was similar to that told by seahaired Miss Mason and Hill, also.

They recalled how the dapper Siegel had arrived at 11 a.m. from Las Vegas.

Dep. Coroner Edwin G. Lacey said the two women

Miss Mason testified: "No, but he came there quite often. He used one of the guest rooms."

#### Appeared Unwounded

Smiley drove Siegel to his attorney's at 2 p.m. in the evening. Siegel, Smiley, Hill and Miss Mason went to dinner at a new cafe on the Ocean Park Pier. Siegel appeared unwounded.

They returned to the storeroom mansion in Beverly Hills. Hill and Miss Mason went upstairs to pull back from a fire they said taking to Florida.

Downstairs the windows were up on all the windows. Siegel and Smiley were clearly visible to the Miller outside.

"It came to me as a complete shock," Smiley summarized.

The sportsman served as an identifying witness, viewing the body in the Conkey Morgue because no members of Siegel's family were present.

#### No Bodyguards?

Det. Lt. Gene Bechtel of the police homicide squad took stenotype notes of all the testimony, a rare procedure at inquests here.

As Smiley left the building, a Times reporter asked, "Did you come down in your own car?"

"Yes," the sportsman said.

"Where is it parked — on Broadway?"

Smiley, with no visible bodyguards, answered: "Shhh — not so loud."

The inquest proved fruitless for clues.

Capt. W. W. White of the Beverly Hills police said he got the first call at 10:58 p.m. Friday and arrived on the heels of radio officers two minutes later. Neighbors told him they heard the blast of gunfire and an automobile racing away. That was all.

#### "King Beasts" Viewed

Later in the day, Capt. White was visited by Sgt. John Hahn of the Chicago Police Department, who was in Los Angeles to return a prisoner to Chicago. Both officers said the visit was just a "social call," but they examined "mug books" containing photographs of known hoodlums. Accompanying Sgt. Hahn was Lt. George Bowman of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Gangster squad, Sgt. Hahn insisted that he didn't know Siegel and that, as far as he knows, the slain gambler has no tie-in with Chicago mobsters.

After the inquest Miss Mason and Hill were questioned further at the District Attorney's office.

Miss Mason said she was formerly a beauty operator. Sister Marie McDonald, 31, actress, in her beauty shop at learned they both were going to Nevada for divorce. She became Miss McDonald's secretary but at the Flamingo Club she left to become Miss Hill's secretary.

The club's attorney, Len Welser, informed investigators that Miss Hill was tempestuous, cigarette girl at the Flamingo with whom she was associated and she was suing both Miss Hill and the club for damages.

Later yesterday Dr. Maurri Siegel, brother of the slain gambler, claimed his body at the Colma Morgue.

The Greenman Mortuary is making funeral arrangements.

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# Coroner's jury draws blank at inquest of Bugsy Siegel



ALLEN GARNEY TESTIFIES AT INQUEST INTO DEATH OF BUGSY SIEGEL

Top: Coroner's jury. Bottom: Allen Garney testifies at inquest.

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His is Pablo Martinez, 30, who participated in a recent 68-hour gun battle with Air Force agents holed up there.

"He insisted they had not  
a row."



## GIRL'S SUICIDE ATTEMPT OVER BUGSY BARED

Hospital Records Show Try  
by Virginia Hill in Nevada

Hollywood Playgirl Virginia Hill, in whose Beverly Hills mansion Bugsy Siegel was shot to death Friday night, attempted suicide over the gangster in Las Vegas May 3, it was learned yesterday.

Hill, ER, unconscious from an overdose of sleeping tablets, was taken by Siegel to the Clark County Hospital at 3 p. m. that day.

Siegel waited until she was revived six hours later and took her away the next morning.

Dr. Jack C. Cherry, who treated her, said she was in a serious condition when she arrived.

### NO REASON

Siegel and Dr. Cherry tried unsuccessfully to learn why she had taken the overdose. Cherry said she had not been drinking and talked amicably, but refused to give her reasons.

At the same time Hill employed Siegel's personal affairs in search of his killer named that was Hill, the "Alabama heiress" who gave lavish Hollywood parties, was the former girl friend of Brooklyn Gangster Joe Adams. Adams reportedly kept her in plentiful funds in New York and asked Siegel to "watch out for her" in Hollywood. Siegel apparently moved in as the Number One man in her life and paid the check for her personal, which included a \$500 champagne score at the Ritz. She is now in Paris.

### ARREN ALARMED

Deputy Earl Warren, charged with the California investigation, uncovered by the Siegel case, asked yesterday to organize a statewide crime inventory. He said he would sign a bill now on his desk empowering him to appoint special crime commissioners.

Police Chief Clinton W. Anderson of Beverly Hills and his captain of detectives, William W. White, called an Asst. George Raft yesterday to question him concerning his close relationship with Siegel.

Raft is a lifelong friend of Siegel, loaned him money and had testified as a character witness for the racketeer.

"Ben was a swell guy and we thought a lot of each other," Raft told the officers. "But I hadn't seen him since last Christmas. I have no idea who killed him."

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# Warren to Open State Probe of Gangsterism

By Carl Greenberg

EXAMINER BUREAU SACRAMENTO, June 24.—Governor Earl Warren today declared he is "alarmed" by the development of organized gangsterism in California and will launch a special crime commission investigation into every phase of underworld operations and official corruption.

His disclosure of the plans was accompanied by caustic comment about the development of an Eastern-type "mob" underworld in the state. It came when he was asked whether he is "disturbed" by the gang activities culminated by the killing of Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, the nation's top "mob" leader.

"Yes—I am concerned about it," Warren replied. "No one can read of an assassination like Siegel's and listen to the stories of organized gangsters coming into our state without having great concern over it."

## "ALARMING"

"We kept the gangsters out for many years and it is alarming to see them coming in now."

The Governor said he intends to use SB 941, creating a special commission for crime studies, "to look into conditions throughout the state and make an appraisal of them for the purpose of getting enforcement agencies together to stop the spread of organized crime."

The Governor said law enforcement activities in the state are centered in the Department of Justice, headed by Attorney General Fred N. Howser. But when asked whether he has inquired of Howser what steps the Attorney General is taking, Warren replied:

"The only general law enforcement official in the state is the Attorney General. The constitution says he is the chief law enforcement officer in the state and shall have direct supervision of the District Attorneys and Sheriffs to maintain law and order."

## TAKE INVENTORY

"I think now is the time for us to take a complete inventory

of our crime situation in California and its enforcement or break down," the Governor continued.

The presence and activities of gangsters in California, Warren stated, and gangster killings, "do not represent a healthy condition."

"One lone gangster coming to California from another state where he was a power doesn't mean much, but when he becomes connected with narcotics, gambling, bookmaking and jewel and fur theft, he becomes a dangerous article," stated Warren, former attorney general and for years District Attorney of Alameda County.

## BOOKMAKING

"Bookmaking is a definite part of the underworld and involves millions of dollars."

"Do you think bookmaking can run as rampant in California as it does without protection?" the Governor was asked. He responded:

"No! Those things can't operate unless there is protection! And that goes for slot machines, too."

The Governor emphasized, "I am talking about crime and conditions and not individuals and I am not making accusations, veiled or otherwise, against any community or any public official."

"No doubt all honest law enforcement officials have the same concern that I have."

Attorney General Howser commented later that he planned to submit a program to the state district attorneys for a unified attack on slot machine and bookmaking operations and houses of prostitution.

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## **SIEGEL BOOKIE EMPIRE SIFTED**

**Bugay's Drive to Corner Both  
Made Enemies by the Score**

Ben (Bugsy) Siegel's swift drive to corner the bookmaking business as far east as St. Louis gave police a wide new field of motives yesterday as they sought the gangster's slayers.

Starting his race wire service in Phoenix, Siegel had moved fast in Las Vegas, Reno, Los Angeles and St. Louis, making enemies by the score.

He had gone directly into bookmaking by owning the bookie concession at Guy McAfee's "Golden Nugget" in Las Vegas, the Examiner learned authoritatively.

### **COMPETITION**

In all bookmaking operations Siegel was bucking old-established firms such as Daily Racing Service, successor to Moe Ammenberg's megapoly, Nationwide News Service.

Chief Deputy District Attorney S. Ernest Roll planned to question Russell L. Brughly, local race wire operator.

Brughly is a son-in-law of James M. Ragen, millionaire Chicago race wire magnate shot-gunned to death last June 24 by mobsters who were trying to take over his territory.

At the same time, the Examiner discovered Siegel was president of Nevada Projects Corporation which operated the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, although previously he had been described as "only a stockholder."

### **TOOK OVER**

Siegel was vice president of the company when it was flourishing last year and took over when William R. Wilkerson, Hollywood publisher and café owner, resigned as president.

Wilkerson sold out his interest in Nevada Projects and went to Paris May 21. Virginia Hill, in whose home Siegel was slain, is also now in Paris.

The three friends who spent the evening with Siegel before he was slain were subpoenaed yesterday to his inquest at 9:30 today.

They were Allen Smiley, business associate who was sitting with Siegel when the gangster was killed; Charles E. Hill, brother of Virginia Hill, and red-headed Jerri Mason, Miss Hill's secretary.

When the summons was served on Smiley, officers found a bodyguard was staying with Smiley at his apartment.

A "member of the family" will appear to identify and claim Siegel's body, the Coroner's office was notified yesterday.

Grotman Brothers' Mortuary said arrangements were being made there for Siegel's funeral. The body is in the County Morgue.

Detective Sergeant J. D. Alston, who made the first investigation of the shooting at 810 Linden drive, will also appear at the inquest.

Colonel George H. White, Detroit narcotics bureau chief, yesterday said Siegel was killed to avenge the murders of four gangsters who tried to muscle in

on his West Coast narcotics racket.

White agreed with U. S. Narcotics Commissioner Harry J. Anslinger and Colonel Garland W. Williams, New York chief, in accusing the worldwide narcotics ring of the notorious Italian Mafia (Black Hand).

Siegel, White said, was not a member of the Mafia, but was close to Charles (Lucky) Luciano, Frank Costello and other leaders.

White's theory was that Siegel ordered the Mafia to eliminate Nick de John in San Francisco May 9 and Tom Buffa in Lodi. He did not name the other two killed on Siegel's complaint.

Friends of the four men, perhaps out of favor with the Mafia, killed Siegel, White suggested.

Another link between Siegel's death and the narcotics trade of Luciano was forged when the New York Mirror learned Luciano

had threatened Siegel with death. Narcotics agents tapped Luciano's telephone in Havana last winter and intercepted three calls to Las Vegas. Siegel reputedly had defied the syndicate.

### **COHEN GRILLED**

Mickey Cohen, Los Angeles underworld figure, who was said to have opposed Siegel last year in a whisky agency deal, was questioned by detectives but not held. He said he knew nothing of Siegel's death.

"I don't think they are gunning for me," Cohen said.

Mrs. Estelle L. (Estie) Siegel divorced the gangster last August 3 in Reno for mental cruelty. She got a "substantial property settlement" and custody of the daughters, Millicent, 16, and Barbara, 12.

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# SLAYING OF SIEGEL LAID TO GANG FEUD

## Investigators Link Mystery Death to Rival Dope Smugglers or 'Bookie' Racing Service

Benjamin (Bugsie) Siegel was murdered, either by rival dope smugglers or as the result of an internal feud in a new 'bookie' racing service he controlled.

Federal and local investigators agreed on these two theories yesterday.

Both agreed that the slayer probably was "reaching for" Siegel in his ambitions. Reprisal came last Friday night when Bugsie was killed by nine bullets fired into a Beverly Hills mansion.

Who killed him—bookmakers or smugglers?

That remained the major mystery while detectives traced a course of clues.

William J. Craig, head of the Federal narcotics unit here, strung along with the smuggling theory. He said:

"Bugsie was one of the biggest dope peddlers in the United States.

"He was financing international deals in various narcotics.

"We'd like to know more about the activities of his cohorts."

### Study Siegel Files

The Times learned that Dist. Atty. William E. Simpson is interested in getting the narcotics bureau's entire file on Siegel.

Simultaneously the Sheriff's office is studying its complete files on all narcotics activities. It hoped to link Siegel with recent smuggling operations on the Mexican border.

Police Chief C. B. Horrall and Chief of Detectives William A. Bradley, however, were concentrating on the bookmaking angles.

They told this newspaper that they know a new racing news service was formed six months ago to telegraph results and odds. After some time, Siegel seized control of this "bookie" setup, the officers said.

### Bugsie Was Control

Two weeks ago a showdown came at Siegel's Flamingo Club in Las Vegas, Nev.

Chief Horrall and Bradley said Siegel won the right to run the secret news service and to control bookmaking in California, Nevada and Oregon.

Somebody didn't like that. That somebody may have killed Siegel.

On the less secret side came announcements of plans for an inquest into the 42-year-old sportsman's death at 9:30 a.m. today.

Witnesses subpoenaed by Police Chief C. H. Anderson of Beverly Hills include:

1—Allen Smiley, the friend who sat on a davenport beside Siegel on the murder night.

2—Charles Hill, brother of Virginia Hill, the red-headed divorcee, who rented the home where the tragedy occurred, 810 N. Linden Drive, Beverly Hills.

3—Miss Jeri Mason, Miss Hill's secretary.

Hill probably will identify the body at the inquest in the Coroner's office.

### Body Unclaimed

Late yesterday the body still remained unclaimed at the County Morgue.

"A friend" telephoned the Groman Mortuary to prepare to make funeral arrangements but relatives failed to appear.

No will has been found. Siegel was divorced and his heirs apparently will be his two daughters, Millicent, 16, and Barbara, 11.

Police Chemist Ray Pinker is testing the coat Smiley wore on the murder night. One carbine bullet ripped Smiley's sleeve but missed the lining.

### Bigger Gamble

Chief Dist. Atty. S. Ernest toll disclosed yesterday that Smiley remarked significantly Friday night:

"I was the biggest gambler in the city."

Smiley presumes that meant Smiley must have lost it was due to be killed. He hit the door that night to miss most of the hail of nine bullets.

Chief Anderson and Capt. W. W. White of Beverly Hills talked to George Ruff, film actor who has been a friend of Siegel since boyhood.

Ruff said: "He was a hell of a fine guy. I haven't seen him since the opening of the Flamingo, though, and don't know anything about his recent activities."

The officers also questioned other Beverly Hills acquaintances of Siegel.

### Las Vegas Case Reported

La. Joe Vignean, head of the sheriff's gangster squad, and H. Leo Stanley, chief of the District Attorney's investigators, both were out of the city. Rumors flew that they raced in Las Vegas on a hot lead.

Elaborating on the dope-smuggling theory of the murder, Craig said that the Federal narcotics office that Siegel was slain almost on the eve of his indictment for narcotics violations.

Harry J. Anslinger, Federal narcotics commissioner in Washington, earlier had identified Siegel as a big operator in the narcotics division of New York's infamous Murder, Inc.

Anslinger also said the Las Vegas and Hollywood playboy bought narcotics from wholesale dealers of the Charles (Lucky) Luciano ring.

In the Southland Federal information came largely from Frank Orbe, held in Tijuana for a year as a murder suspect. Orbe insists Siegel made some payments for smuggled heroin but cheated him out of \$8500.

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## Warren Tells Concern Over Gang Crimes

By a Times Staff Representative  
SACRAMENTO, June 24.—

Concern was expressed by Gov. Warren today over the growth in recent months of crime in connection with apparent gangster activities in California.

At his press conference he was asked about the series of killings over the State, the most recent being the shooting of Bugsie Siegel in Los Angeles. There have been some in the North also, such as San Francisco, Indianapolis, and one possibly in Sacramento.

"There was no question that something is going on in gangsterland, in the Governor's opinion."

"One gangster moving into California from another State where he was a power does not mean much," said Warren. "But the minute he becomes associated with others in fur thefts, narcotics, jewel thefts, bookmaking and the like it becomes serious." Asked if he thought there was "something doing" in gangland, Warren said:

"These fellows don't move in until there is something doing. By that I mean criminal activities by which they profit tremendously. And they don't become dangerous until there is something doing."

"One of the jobs of the new crime commission provided for in a bill passed at this session of the Legislature will be to try to find out 'what is doing.'"

"The presence and activities of organized gangsters in various parts of the State, accompanied by gangster killings, does not represent a healthy condition. If it continues it will be very bad for the people."

**Bookmaking Included**

Asked if he included bookmaking and slot machines in the gangster category of criminal activities, Warren said he did.

Asked if he believed bookmaking and slot machine activities could operate as openly as they do now without "protection," Warren said:

"I don't think bookmaking and slot machine activities could operate apparently as rampant as they are unless there is protection."

"No Governor could or should view with complacency a condition which can be so harmful to his State as the development of an underworld."

**Howser Shares Views**

"I have no doubt that all honest law enforcement officers have the same concern as I have and their feelings are more intense on the subject than mine because it is their immediate job to take care of such situations," said Warren.

Atty. Gen. Howser was in the executive office later and the two discussed the crime situation.

There is a general plan being formulated against bookies, prostitution and all forms of organized vice, said Howser. He shared the Governor's concern over the situation, he said.

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# Can a Top Boss Be Killed?

It was a question that has been asked many times in the past, but now it is being asked again with a new meaning. The question is: Can a top boss be killed? The answer, according to the Los Angeles Daily News, is yes. The news is that a top boss of the Los Angeles underworld, Mickey Cohen, has been killed. The news is that Mickey Cohen, the top boss of the Los Angeles underworld, has been killed. The news is that Mickey Cohen, the top boss of the Los Angeles underworld, has been killed.

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Meanwhile Police Chief C. E. Anderson of Beverly Hills said he'd like to question actor George Raft about his friendship with the slain gangster.

"Now as I can find out, though Raft is in France," said Anderson. "This was a big surprise to the folk who are within touching distance at the ringside of the Capt. Kid at the Wolcott-Maxim Raft last night, and saw Raft and his companion, Mack Gray, leave at the end of the night's run."

"The chief reads the wrong paper," said Gray today. "If he wants to talk to Mr. Raft, he's right here, and ready to answer any questions."

He mentioned that two days before Cohen was shot in the back of the head, he had seen Cohen in the company of a woman, who he said was a prostitute. He said that Cohen was in the company of the woman, who he said was a prostitute, and that Cohen was in the company of the woman, who he said was a prostitute.

Chief Anderson, asked whether he intended questioning Mickey Cohen, Los Angeles underworld boss, replied:

"We're not Mickey's to not even in town."

The Daily News, however, called Mickey at the home and received word that he will talk any time they want to talk.

Speaking at reports that slaying gangsters who might have fingered Bugsy were out for Cohen too, Mickey replied:

"I don't think they are gunning for me. In fact, I don't think they got Bugsy."

"Ben was a good friend of mine. He should be a terrible loss to me. I can't understand why anybody wanted him out of the way."

Cohen said he last saw Mergo in Los Angeles three weeks ago.

Meanwhile reports that a nationwide narcotics syndicate had fingered Bugsy were said to be in the hands of local Treasury Department agents.

A representative of the Treasury Department later said at the corner's police and said that the slaying of Mickey Cohen, the top boss of the Los Angeles underworld, has been killed.

The district attorney's office said that Jerry Mason, secretary to Virginia Hill, in whose home Mergo was slain, and Charles Hill, her brother, would be the only witnesses except Cohen's attorney, who would be called to testify at the inquest set for 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

When asked to lead the investigation, the police said they would be looking for the person who shot Mickey Cohen.

Bugsy reportedly was in a hotel room at 1010 Broadway, New York, when he was shot. The police said they would be looking for the person who shot Mickey Cohen.

The coroner reported he had received an inquiry today from a local authority asking the coroner about Bugsy's last appearance. The coroner said he had received an inquiry today from a local authority asking the coroner about Bugsy's last appearance.

Efforts were being made to keep the funeral services strictly private for the slain boss of the Los Angeles underworld, Alvin Karpis, 34, and Ray, 34, who arrived here by train Sunday.

The gangster's divorced wife, Elizabeth, arrived by plane from New York Saturday, and has remained in a hotel in the city.

His mansion last Friday night, at the apartment, 1010 Broadway, New York, was the scene of a party. The party was the scene of a party. The party was the scene of a party.

Local FBI agents disclosed Bugsy today kept his nose clean with the income tax department by paying huge annual taxes on time.

Siegel also plunged heavily in stocks and securities on a stock exchange board, it was learned.

Possibility that Siegel may have come to his end by putting too much heat on another "business enterprise" he was said to have planned to have a hand in the slaying of Jimmy M. Reagan, 60, a Negro, police news, and

This informant said he returned two weeks ago from New York, where he learned from certain law enforcement figures that Siegel had believed to have had a hand in the slaying of Jimmy M. Reagan, 60, a Negro, police news, and

weekly money of the slain mob boss.

The officer also said he had met Cohen, well-known Los Angeles underworld figure, and asked for another mob general the lowest "kick" from him.

"In fact," he said, "everybody the West was sleeping on Bugsy got it first."

Investigators also were citing a report that the slaying order was handled by a "bookie" named "Sharon" who had been disgraced as top grade queen of the West.

Chief Anderson said valuable information in this connection expected to be forthcoming at a time with the return here of Al Greenberg, captured last week from New York as a suspect in the slaying of Mickey Cohen.

Another phase of Siegel's life was disclosed in Los Angeles as it was learned from a source here that in 1933 Siegel had been elected to make a large contribution to a candidate for governor.

While preparations were being made for an alleged late sudden death tomorrow at a. m., some suspects were said to be sought for another slaying. Among them are Eddie Ford and Louis Marlin, both of whom recently were released from prison in Berkeley, Calif.

New York police reportedly searching for them on request the Los Angeles department, a tip that Pasadena told fellow officers before his release that "had a job to do" on the West Coast.

Siegel's former wife, Helen, Siegel, divorced himself in Las Vegas, charging "incompetence," records there showed.

Her attorney, Donald Rich, disclosed that Siegel had made a property settlement "giving very handsomely for his and two children."

Beverly Hills police told Ross F. White, 31, 4425 Buena Vista, Beach, Los Angeles, 47, 64, Brooks Ave., when investigators were convinced their slaying of an Army captain on connection with the slaying of Siegel.

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## GOV. WARREN CALLS FOR CALIF. WAR ON GANGSTERISM

The International News Service

SACRAMENTO, Cal., June 24.—Gov. Earl Warren today expressed alarm over the growth of organized gangsterism in California and called for a "complete inventory" of the crime situation in the state.

Pointing to the murder of Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel in Los Angeles as evidence of a dangerous influx of mobsters into the state, Warren declared gravely:

"I am very much concerned about this situation. We are now read of assassinations like the Siegel murder and listen to the stories of organized gangsters coming into our state without having great notoriety over it."

Warren said at a news conference that under terms of a bill now on his desk, he is empowered to appoint special crime commissions to investigate such conditions in California.

He indicated he will sign the bill and make the appointments without delay.

Asked the Governor:

"Now is the time for us to take a complete inventory of our crime situation in California."

Through the study of the crime commission, Warren said, he hopes "to get the law enforcement agencies together to stop the spread of organized crime."

Warren added that any study made by the commission would include the possibility of a breakdown of law enforcement at any level or location. Regarding the existence of such a breakdown now, he declared:

"The presence and activities of organized gangsters in various parts of the state accompanied by gangster killings does not represent a healthy condition. If it continues, it will be a very, very bad thing for the people of our state."

"One lone gangster working into the state doesn't mean much. But the minute he becomes solidly connected with underworld activities, whether it be narcotics, gambling, jewel theft, bookmaking or bookmaking, he becomes dangerous."

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# U. S. Calls Siegel Big Dope Man Joins Quiz

Dranding Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, slain racket boss, as one of the biggest dope peddling operators in the country, federal narcotics inspectors today joined with the United States attorney's office and police in investigation of the gangster's rubout.

On the heels of a disclosure that federal attorneys' investigators were seeking to question indicted members of a broken-up international \$1,000,000 opium smuggling ring in which a close to the slaying, William J. Orr, head of the "Federal Narcotics Bureau," revealed that the government had been having "dope" into the country.

Siegel was undoubtedly one of the biggest dope peddlers in the United States, was it—according to federal agents in the slaying, Orr said.

Siegel was known to have trafficked with at least one member of the gang, and authorities described that his attempts to "bust in" on the narcotic gang's territory had "short-circuiting" them in dope deals may have led to his murder.

Thirty-two men and two women were nabbed by narcotics agents and all were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury in March, 1946, and are now in San Quentin awaiting trial.

Charles H. Orr, then U. S. attorney, said the ring—one of the largest ever uncovered—had its roots in Mexico and spread from there through Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, New York City, Norfolk, Baltimore and other cities.

One of the dope smuggling ring members was Francisco Orbe, now awaiting trial in Mexico for murder.

Federal authorities said they were on the verge of arresting Siegel on a drug charge, citing an informant who reported that

Orbe. He said Siegel had rented him of \$2000 in a deal by which Orbe furnished "Bugsy" with a large quantity of Mexican heroin.

Narcotic agents started on the trail of the ring last year when an opium cache was found in a yard of a swanky "House of Dreams" in the San Fernando Valley. The syndicate's "warehouse" was a secret cache in the Santa Monica Mountains where thousands of dollars' worth of opium was buried.

As the investigation continued, Siegel's attorney said that as far as he knew "Bugsy" had left no will. He added that a search was being conducted here and in Las Vegas to determine definitely whether Siegel had ever made a will.

Meanwhile, a woman presumed to be Siegel's divorced wife, Estelle, called Gromah's Mortuary and asked for an appointment to make funeral arrangements for the murdered gangland.

## REVENGE SLAYING

Colonel White named two of the murders as those of Nick DeJohn, a former minor Chicago hoodlum, who was strangled in this bar in San Francisco on May 9, and Tom Butts, who was slain in Los Angeles.

Tom Butts and the other two gangsters were slain when Siegel complained they tried to "bust in" on his West Coast drug racket, Colonel White said, and "Bugsy" in turn was bumped off by associates of the murdered men.

Another report said Siegel's death with a challenge to his nationwide ring controlling narcotic smuggling, bookmaking

and shipping of stolen jewelry. It linked the slaying with that of James M. Hagen, racing news czar in Chicago, last year.

The beautiful Virginia Hill, now in Paris, supplied another theory when she revealed that she and Siegel had quarreled and broken up and that a "No. 1 boy friend" had entered her life, leading to the belief that a "love triangle" may have led to the slaying.

At the same time, it was learned that Hollywood film stars and well-known figures in the sporting world may be called in for questioning during the investigation of Siegel's activities in film-land.

## RAFT FACES QUIZ

Actor George Raft, sleek-haired, portrayed of mobster tales by the screen, has been marked high on the list of film-land luminaries known to have associated with the racket chieftain who posed as a wealthy playboy in the upper strata of Hollywood society, Police Chief C. H. Anderson of Beverly Hills disclosed.

The movie "tough guy" appeared as a character witness in Siegel's trial on a bookmaking charge in 1944, and a check for \$3000 written by "Bugsy" and endorsed by Raft was uncovered in 1940 when Siegel was indicted for the gangster-style rubout of Harry "Big Greeny" Schachter during a hotel booze war.

Murdered detectives will be eliminated among the fill in on Siegel's background associates in Hollywood, and activities in connection with gambling, \$5,000,000. "Bugsy" While the bullet-riddled by at the gambling syndicate by a county, incense, which, in Hollywood, and examined by on him in the. Detectives pairs and in threesomes, quietly checking slum, cock, bars and supper clubs in Hollywood and San Francisco.

"When was 'Bugsy' shot? Who was he shot? Who did the talk to?" were the questions asked of the police and proprietors.

His "friends" gave him blank stares. "They said they hadn't heard he was in a

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# Secret Rites for Siegel in \$5000 Coffin



## SIEGEL'S \$5000 CASKET

Funeral directors carry Siegel's \$5000 decorated casket from the mortuary to the secret funeral service today. The casket will be placed in the crypt and remain there forever.

Only Six Present at 5-Minute Service as Gaiety Reigns At Flamingo Club

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At the same time, Attorney General Howser, in announcing that his office would enter the case, declared that he and Governor Warren were not only concerned with "who killed Siegel" but more particularly with the causes for his killing.

Howser said it was "common knowledge" that "Bugs" was involved in black market liquor operations during the war.

#### OPES LOBBYISTS

He charged that the gang chieftain numbered among his associates and friends "prominent lobbyists in California who have through the years represented those interests in the state legislature."

Walter H. Lentz, chief special agent of the district attorney's office, has been ordered to check particularly into that phase of Siegel's operations, he said.

He declared that Governor Warren did not order the office of attorney general and the State Department of Justice to assume command of the investigation.

"However, I have been vitally concerned as to the statement concerning slot machines, bookmaking, bookie wire services, narcotic violations, prostitution and other phases, and its reaction in law enforcement in Southern California," Howser said.

He added that he has instructed Lentz to call meetings with law enforcement officers to discuss the investigation and that he has placed the resources of the State Department of Justice at his command.

Meanwhile, Leo Stanley, chief investigator for the district attorney's office, said he learned that Siegel refused to have his hair cut in Nevada, and had flown here Thursday from Las Vegas, only to visit a barber shop in Beverly Hills—and to meet death the next night.

Stanley also said they were checking the story of a Hawaiian-born Japanese, Kojiro Uyechi, 21 of the Miyako Hotel here, who said he had come to Las Vegas "to kill Bugs."

It was also disclosed that two women and two men, one of them packing a .38 automatic, were picked up by Santa Monica police today and were being questioned about the Siegel slaying.

Meanwhile, the investigation of Siegel's gangland slaying at

the Beverly Hills mansion of Virginia Hill, wealthy actress, settled down to an anticipated long grind of clue-sifting.

It was a case of too many clues. There were too many persons interested in the sudden demise of the West Coast czar of organized gangsterism, police said.

Beverly Hills Police Chief C. H. Anderson admitted that the investigation probably would be "long and drawn out."

It was pointed out that Siegel was mixed up in nearly every phase of underworld activity and had made many enemies in his efforts to corner Pacific Coast bookmaking activities and his dope smuggling business.

California State Narcotics Chief P. J. O'Ferrall in San Francisco said he believed that Siegel's strong arm tactics in attempting to take over an interna-

tional dope ring touched off a series of murders — including Siegel's own.

Ferrall maintained that a super-gang war developed when Siegel tried to oust Charles "Lucky" Luciano from his leadership of a world-wide dope ring operated by the notorious Mafia organization.

"Luciano, who had been deported to Italy, tried to make a comeback," he said. "Earlier this year, he got as far as Cuba but was forced to return to Italy."

"Siegel, who was affiliated with Luciano's Mafia narcotics setup, figured this was his chance."

"But he apparently forgot one thing—that the Mafia's headquarters are in Italy. The Mafia would not stand by, while Siegel took over."

"Siegel apparently sought to brush aside any opposition to the entrenched Mafia setup—and this could have been why he and several others died."

#### BODY NOT VIEWED

Members of the family said they did not want to view the body, or permit anyone else to, because they wanted to have Siegel "remembered as he was."

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They poured in past the red and blue-lighted bushes and green pond through the massive glass front door.

They thought gambling away

Dick Powell, Gary Cooper, Franchot Tone, Sonny Tufts and George Raft also have sat on tomato red stools at the Flamingo's green leather bar. They could peer through the curved glass out to terraced gardens, a mammoth swimming pool, and the adjoining hotel which jumps like stalagmites from four stories to one.

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## ★ 'Bugsy' Siegel—a social symbol

Benjamin (Bugsy) Siegel's career is appropriately headed but his story is still unfolding. It's a familiar, ugly story—the story of organized crime, and of a gambler who was another symbol of how modern, high-speed criminality has its roots in the more vicious money-grubbing tendencies of contemporary life.

What conditioned "Bugsy's" behavior was the touch of money. His criminal career had a solid pecuniary basis. His association with Barker, Inc., with the immense, far-flung underworld of the narcotics racket, with jewel hauls and gambling set-ups—these criminal connections grew out of, as they always grow out of, a demand for commercialized vice and pleasure.

"Bugsy," in his felonious way, was an over-extended operator working in those dark areas where crime always has a ready market. Moreover, he was a big operator. He mirrored the more unpleasant aspects of an age of monopolies, combines, holding companies and cartels.

The Siegel saga wasn't inside out of the sick, the poor, the blind, nor out of poverty and twisted psychological backgrounds. "Bugsy" thrived on the economic surplus, on those who could afford to pay. The millions invested in his Flamingo club are testimonial to how much unhealthy fat an economic system can store up.

"Bugsy," as a personality, was, therefore, more than just a hot-shot brigand. He was the American personality chan-

nelled in the ugliest direction: toward planned mastery and action in lawlessness.

A nation unalterably opposed to despotism, willing to stand up and fight tyrants and dictators who practice vengeance and repression, is nevertheless inclined to create folk legends around its Al Capones and Lepkes and "Bugsy" Siegels. Why? Why is the gangster still a favorite portrait we frame with our movies, our fiction and our newspaper headlines? Is it because we like movement and color and the gangster provides these in abundance? Or is it because we hold life in the abstract cheap, after all, or tend to admire success and efficiency and willingness to risk all even when displayed by a low character of the underworld?

The fact is our American moral judgments are weakened to a great extent by our American pioneer tradition and temper. "Bugsy," we decide, is a good find; as long as he and his fellow-punchers wipe out one another all is well. In the twilight zone of the underworld violence doesn't bother us much, that is so long as some peace-loving citizen isn't knocked off by a stray bullet. We got this outlook as the result of pushing through an unfriendly wilderness and tying a continent together.

American society prepares the way for its mobsters, but fortunately, and unlike many other nations, America holds its gangsters to be outside the law and doesn't enthroned them as leaders of public opinion.—R. H. H.

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"No, I don't want to see the picture," she said. "I've heard and everything. I don't want to see it." She was extremely pale, a greenish glow over her face, looking somewhat of a ghost.

Virginia said she was  
so glad Don Getty left  
because she was afraid  
he might hurt her.  
"I understand people  
don't like me," she  
said. "I don't like  
anybody. Nobody likes  
me. Nobody loves me."  
She said she was  
happy to be alone.

"I never gave me money. I don't need any. He was nice to me, though, took me places and put me up at his Las Vegas gambling casino. I have enough money of my own to live on and to travel in Miami. My family comes from Alabama."

Virginia's green eyes flashed and it wasn't a "go ahead" signal. "You leave my family out of this," she said.

"People here in Paris have been awfully nice, just like nothing had happened. Why, last night I had supper in one of the best places in Paris. It sure was nice."

Virginia, who is known on Broadway and in Hollywood as a big spender in night clubs, was asked about them in Paris, she said.

"I've only been to one—Montezuma's. There were lots of girls playing and if there's anything like it, violin."

Montaignac's is the suggestive study spot in Montmartre, overlooking downtown Paris.

Virginia has a North Star statue at the entrance of the Western State Penitentiary. White swallows over the highway kept out today's burning sun. Several evening dressers hung limply over the backs of Louisiana State arm chairs. A white nag's head was crushed in the corner of a green plush sofa. A maid in the basement was kneeling dressers.

"I spoke with my lawyer in London by trans-Atlantic phone and he said I had nothing to worry about," she said, dabbing her face with a chiffon handkerchief. "I mean I'll go ahead with my plan and stay two or three months."

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## The band plays on, gayety rules at Bugsy's Flamingo

By ALVIN KAPLAN

When NIGEL, the man who was the main reason for the closing of Bugsy's Flamingo, died last night, the man who was the main reason for the closing of Bugsy's Flamingo, died last night.

Chances were still, silver dollars changed, the music was heard day and night and the customers were as last night in Bugsy's Flamingo.

The late gang told they in Los Angeles morgue, inspection of the film camera he had to wait for six months in order to pull the Flamingo out of the mud.

It wasn't like that Friday night when Nigel was killed. Flamingo place was like a machinery. Little wheels turned to a stop, the dice lay still, the cards stopped, the help waited in a tight group.

Nigel would be alive, they said, if he had stayed at the Flamingo.

The gambling-head gambler said Nigel was probably killed by one of his business pals because the Flamingo was losing money, shrugging their shoulders and went back to their fun.

They looked at past the dark and blue lighted bushes and green pond through the massive glass front door.

They thought gambling was \$2000 to take home a few \$100 notes was fun.

This \$4,000,000 casino in the desert was built on 24-hour shifts with imported soil, imported from imported materials and the graying content of the Civilian Production Administration.

But after it opened in January, Nigel had trouble making it pay.

Ten days ago he decided to jack up his languishing business—two late for his 20th, some 200-by-chopping room prices and giving away free cars, free radios and \$200 to bring every night, 21000 at Flamingo.

The movie color, liked the place. Martha O'Driscoll had drunk all off the trimmings for \$480 last night in the Supper Club, which has a glass wall covered with green fish net of one end and the other end with a glass wall.

Jimmy Durante, the Andrew Sisters, Lena Horne and Kaye Dugan have performed, too.

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From Chicago came word that Miguel met representatives of the departed Charles (Lucky) Luciano in Las Vegas last week, and told he would have to get out of the way of the narcotics syndicate.

Joseph Ball, chief of the police bureau in Chicago, says Luigi's activities there would be supervised by Luciano and his partners of long standing through the office.

Black market liquor, slot machines, bookmaking, race wire service, narcotic peddling, prostitution and anything else covered by the penal code.

part owner of the New York Yankees baseball club. Webb was reported to hold the largest planter

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## Love Tangle Suspected as Siegel Murder Cause

Chicago Racketeer Believed to Have Hired  
Killers Because of Jealousy Over Miss Hill

Jealousy over the love of Virginia Hill was blamed yesterday for the murder of Benjamin (Bugle) Siegel.

District Attorney's and Sheriff's officers suspect that a Chicago racketeer, whom they named, probably engineered the killing.

They believe he paid two gangsters to come to Beverly Hills and kill Siegel last Friday night.

They lack evidence to prove this but are hoping to catch broken links in the chain.

Police Chief C. E. Anderson yesterday advised Paris police he asked them to get an official statement from the thrice-married, red-haired divorcee.

Anderson wants to know when she first met Siegel, what their relations were, why she gave him a gold key to her home at 40 N. Linden Drive and why she went to Paris.

These rapid developments capped a day which began with a hushed, secret funeral service for Siegel, attended by only six persons in the Croman Mortuary Chapel.

A heavy clue was being followed on dope smuggling, stolen jewelry shipments and bookmaking.

A Hawaiian-Japanese was arrested in Las Vegas, Nev. He said he came there to collect \$35,000 immediately due from Siegel on a horse race bet "to do it him." Dist. Atty. William E. Simpson acquired complete files on "Murder, Inc." for study.

But the Chicago racketeer, described as a bookmaking boss, remained the main suspect.

### Insulted by Siegel

Simpson, Chief Dep. Dist. Atty. Ernest Roll, Chief Investigator H. Leo Stanley and Lt. Joe Vigneau head of the Sheriff's gangster squad, said this:

1—Miss Hill was an extremely close friend of the Chicago bookmaker.

2—She met Siegel and became interested in him.

3—Eight weeks ago Siegel insulted her. There was a fight row at the Flamingo Club in Las Vegas.

4—The Chicago civil war left affections was increased.

5—On May 5 the 30-year-old divorcee took an overdose of sleeping tablets. Stanley commented tersely, "A suicide attempt. She was mad at Siegel."

6—The Chicago man sent two hoodlums to kill the dapper sportsman. Last Friday night they did.

### Notables Not Case

Big names continued to do the case.

Marie McDonald, film actress, told Stanley and Roll that she had dinner three or four times with Siegel in Las Vegas but someone else always was with them.

She hired Jerri Mason, beauty parlor operator, as a secretary but fired her because "I wanted to relax" but Jerri always was organizing dinners and big parties.

Miss Mason later became Miss Hill's secretary. She now is engaged to marry Miss Hill's brother Charles.

...Paris Trip.  
...him after trial.  
...reservations to  
...Paris. Herbert Silverberg,  
...studio, to  
...there, however.

In Chicago, Narcotics Bureau Chief Joseph Bell said Siegel's murder resulted from a struggle between the secret Italian society of Mafia and Siegel for control of the dope ring in California.

He said he believed Siegel had ordered the killing of some narcotics ring figures in San Francisco on suspicion that they "talked" to government investigators. Siegel's murder, Bell said, paved the way to control of illegal narcotics distribution here by the Mafia.

Bell said that Mafia has taken over 99 per cent of the narcotics peddling in the nation and from the Brooklyn headquarters directs the sales of dope running into millions of dollars annually.

### Dope Smuggling Involved

Bell explained that California has an important position because most dope now is smuggled into the United States over the border between this State and Mexico.

Siegel had a grip on things in Los Angeles, Bell said, "which makes Al Capone's hold on Chicago look sick."

Public interest in the crime is reflected in signs posted by Sunset Blvd. hucksters who sell maps of film stars' homes to tourists. One sign reads: "Where 'Bugle' Siegel Met 'His End.'" Another says: "See the House Where 'Bugle' Siegel Was Shot."

No sightseers attended his funeral.

The entire service at the Croman Chapel lasted less than five minutes.

A limousine arrived at 3:30 a.m. Allen Smiley, who narrowly escaped being killed by the gangland bullets last Friday, waited.

Next came Siegel's divorced

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...and his daughters, ...  
...and Barbara, 11, and  
...brother, Dr. Maurice Siegel,  
...complicated them. Mrs. Dr.  
...Robert, 44, 1414 Olympic  
...Street, Los Angeles.

Only other suspect was the  
...victim, Mrs. Pearl Siegel,  
...a husband of 40, an active  
...motion picture and gambling en-  
...thusiast.

Funeral home located.

The family said: "We want  
...to hold the funeral now."

Morticians surprised, nodded.  
...They said later that Siegel was  
...dressed in a blue suit, white  
...shirt and tie, with a white hand-  
...kerchief tucked in his breast  
...pocket. He wore no jewelry.

The coffin was sealed; two can-  
...dles stood beside it.

Mr. Kert chanted the 23rd  
...Psalm.

He bowed his head and spoke a  
...New Testament prayer for the  
...dead.

Two leather spotlights turned  
...on the casket, Mr. K.

There were no flowers, no  
...splendor.

There was no singing.

The family withdrew out of a  
...rear door of the chapel, ducked  
...through a box-cluttered alley  
...and hurried away in a waiting  
...limousine.

Plain-clothes detectives outside  
...the mortuary made a few notes.  
...They had hoped to see models in  
...the Chicago fashion. They had  
...no chips.

Later Siegel's body was taken  
...to Beth Olam Cemetery for  
...burial in a plot of ground pur-  
...chased by Siegel's brother. Pri-  
...vate graveside services were  
...conducted by Rabbi Kert with  
...Dr. Siegel the only other per-  
...son in attendance.

Where Is Favorite Barber?

At Los Vegas it was learned  
...that Siegel came to Beverly Hills  
...every two weeks to have his  
...hair cut at his favorite barbers.

When then Joseph Field Henry  
...was asked by the investiga-  
...tor where he and his came to vol-  
...unteer for the making of a will.

He was arrested by the FBI  
...and taken carrying 30 pounds  
...of automatic pistol. He was  
...arrested about the same time.

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Investigating Stanley showed a  
...picture of Siegel's brother, the  
...Miyako Hotel at First and Main  
...Pedro St. in Los Angeles. It  
...was learned the Hawaiian-Japa-  
...nese was here the night Siegel  
...was slain. His U.S. Army dis-  
...charge papers were found. Of-  
...ficers doubt that he had any part  
...in the killing.

Atty. Gen. Fred W. Howser  
...instructed his chief special  
...agent, Walter H. Latta, to con-  
...duct meetings in various parts  
...of the state to study slot ma-  
...chine, bookmaking, wire service,  
...narcotics, prostitution and other  
...problems.

He said Latta will look par-  
...ticularly into Siegel's known  
...connections with hard liquor,  
...black market activities. Howser  
...said the slain sportsman was  
...friendly with some of the veter-  
...an liquor lobbyists at Sacra-  
...mento.

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### Jap With Gun Demands \$55,000 Siegel Debt

LAS VEGAS, June 26.—Henry Kojiro Uyechi, 29, Hawaiian-born Japanese, was arrested when he appeared at the Flamingo Club today with a gun and tried to collect a \$55,000 debt he claimed was owed him by the late Ben (Bugsy) Siegel.

Uyechi said Siegel cheated him out of the money two years ago in Chicago. He said he bet on a horse which won, but when he went to Siegel's place to collect the office had been moved.

When he learned Siegel was again, he came to the Flamingo, controlled by Siegel, to collect, Uyechi said. He was booked for carrying a concealed weapon.

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**SILVER-PLATED** — Attendants carry casket containing body of slain Bugsy Siegel from mortuary. Unlike most funerals for gang leaders, this was small and hurried. The mourners quickly slipped away. This silver-plated casket cost \$5000. — Los Angeles Examiner photo.

## Bugsy's Funeral Hasty, Despite \$5000 Coffin

They put Bugsy Siegel away hermetically sealed on Wednesday in a five-minute, rush-order funeral from which the mourners fled down a back alley to a waiting car.

The big-shot gangster went first class with a \$5000 silver-plated coffin, but the funeral was more like a bank pickup than a rite of sorrow. There were no flowers, no eulogy, only a hurried psalm and a prayer spoken to 400 empty seats in Groman Brothers' Chapel at 830 West Washington boulevard.

Before the mortuary had even properly opened for the day, Dr. Max Kert of Olympic Jewish Center had recited the 23rd Psalm and a Hebrew funeral prayer in English and Bugsy was ready for the grave.

Only six persons sat in the family alcove near the 900-pound casket, in which Siegel lay on white silk, dressed in a blue business suit, blue tie and white shirt.

They didn't want to see his face, ripped open by bullets last Friday night. The casket was

hermetically sealed on Wednesday. Mourners were Mrs. Esta Siegel, ex-wife; his daughters, Millicent, 16, and Barbara, 14; his sister, Mrs. Bessie Soloway; and Allen Smiley, business associate who was sitting beside Siegel in a Beverly Hills mansion when he was killed.

Dr. Kert spoke to an empty chapel, lit only by seven small electric candles in a candleabra.

### OVER QUICKLY

It was all over at 8:55 a. m. Smiley and the four women slipped out through a back door, went through a little-used alley to a gate which was unlocked for them. They hurried to a waiting car half a block away and were gone.

Dr. Siegel, hatless, walked quietly out the front door, unrecognized by photographers.

Siegel's body was buried with out further ceremony at Bet Olam Cemetery in Hollywood, a lot hurriedly purchased by Dr. Siegel. No other members of the family are buried there.

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## State Enters Inquiry Into Siegel's Slaying

Attorney General Fred N. Howser stepped into the Bugsy Siegel murder case yesterday and ordered a statewide investigation.

His action came two days after Governor Earl Warren expressed alarm at the big-time gangsterism in California revealed by investigation of Siegel's killing in Beverly Hills last Friday.

"It has been common knowledge that during the war Siegel was involved in black marketing of hard liquor throughout the nation and particularly in California," Howser said.

"His numbered among his friends and associates prominent lobbyists in California who have for years represented those interests in the State Legislature.

### ORDER—

"I have instructed my chief special agent, Walter H. Lewis, to look particularly into that phase of Siegel's activities, which has not been thoroughly investigated to date.

"As the Governor said, we are not only concerned with who killed Siegel, but are more interested in the cause for his killing.

"We believe it may have resulted from an old grudge arising out of his past activities.

"While I have heretofore expressed, and still am confident of the integrity and ability of the law enforcement officers of California, I have instructed Lewis to call meetings in various parts of the state."

### FULL SCOPE—

"The first will be in Southern California. I have placed the entire resources of my department at his command."

District Attorney's investigators showed increasing interest in the affairs of Virginia Hill, Siegel's girl friend who is now in Los Angeles and another famous name on her list of acquaintances was that of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., San Francisco friend of Siegel.

Passport records show Miss Hill and Dr. Chung applied for visas at the same time. Miss Hill said they were business associates.

In San Francisco, Dr. Chung said she planned the trip but did not go. She said Miss Hill was a patient of hers.

The Chinese woman doctor is famous as "Mom" Chung, who "adopted" about 1000 American and Chinese servicemen during the war years, including Mickey Baker, Halsey and Nimitz.

Movie Actor George Raft, lifelong friend of Siegel, cancelled the plane reservations he had for Paris tomorrow. Also in Paris is William R. Wilkerson, former business associate of Siegel.

Another Parisian is Nicholas Puillatte, 31, who knew Miss Hill in Hollywood and may have accompanied her to France. He is described as son of a wealthy French business family.

Passport records turned up other clues about the mysterious Miss Hill, said to have been the girl friend of both Brooklyn Gangster Joe Adonis and Siegel.

### ALABAMAN—

She said she was born in Lipscomb, Ala., August 26, 1916, and her full name is One Virginia Hill, daughter of Mack Hill of Bessemer, Ala. She gave her home address at 320 Linden drive, Beverly Hills.

She was married to Leon Griffin in January, 1939, but the marriage was annulled seven months later in Birmingham.

Her second husband was Carlos Valadez Gonzales, whom she married in Mexico City, January 15, 1940, and divorced December 11, 1940.

Virginia said she was going to Paris to obtain the West Coast agency for wines and liquors of Compagnie Commerciale de Vins et Spiritueux, 4 Rue de Castiglione, Paris.

Two Los Angeles detectives are now in New York to cooperate in the search for Siegel's killers.

Meanwhile, New York detectives released several of the items Siegel to the gangster. These papers and memo books, among which were those of Vincent Giganti, Hollywood actors' agent, and his brother, Frank, also an agent, who died last month.

Shortly before his death, it was learned, Giganti was questioned by agents of the U. S. Bureau of Narcotics.

### POPE CLEW—

California State Narcotics Chief P. J. Ferrall said Siegel's killing was part of an international gang war caused when Siegel tried to back the notorious Mafia (Black Hand) narcotics ring.

Ferrall said Siegel had tried to seize control when Charles (Lucky) Luciano, Mafia leader, was deported to Italy.

Another phase of Siegel's past turned up in Washington, where the Examiner learned exclusively he once received \$100,000 in Liberty Bonds from Frank Ward, Minneapolis Democratic party leader.

The transfer was found in the investigation of "Murder, Inc." and turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but no action was ever taken.

Joseph Bell, Chicago narcotics division chief in Chicago, said Siegel "had complete overlordship of Southern California racketeers."

Movie Actress Marie (The Body) McDonald, whose name was mentioned in the Siegel case by her former secretary, Jerri Mason, said:

"My only connection with the case is that I once employed Miss Mason."

Miss Mason was in the Beverly Hills house the night Siegel was killed. She is Miss Hill's secretary.

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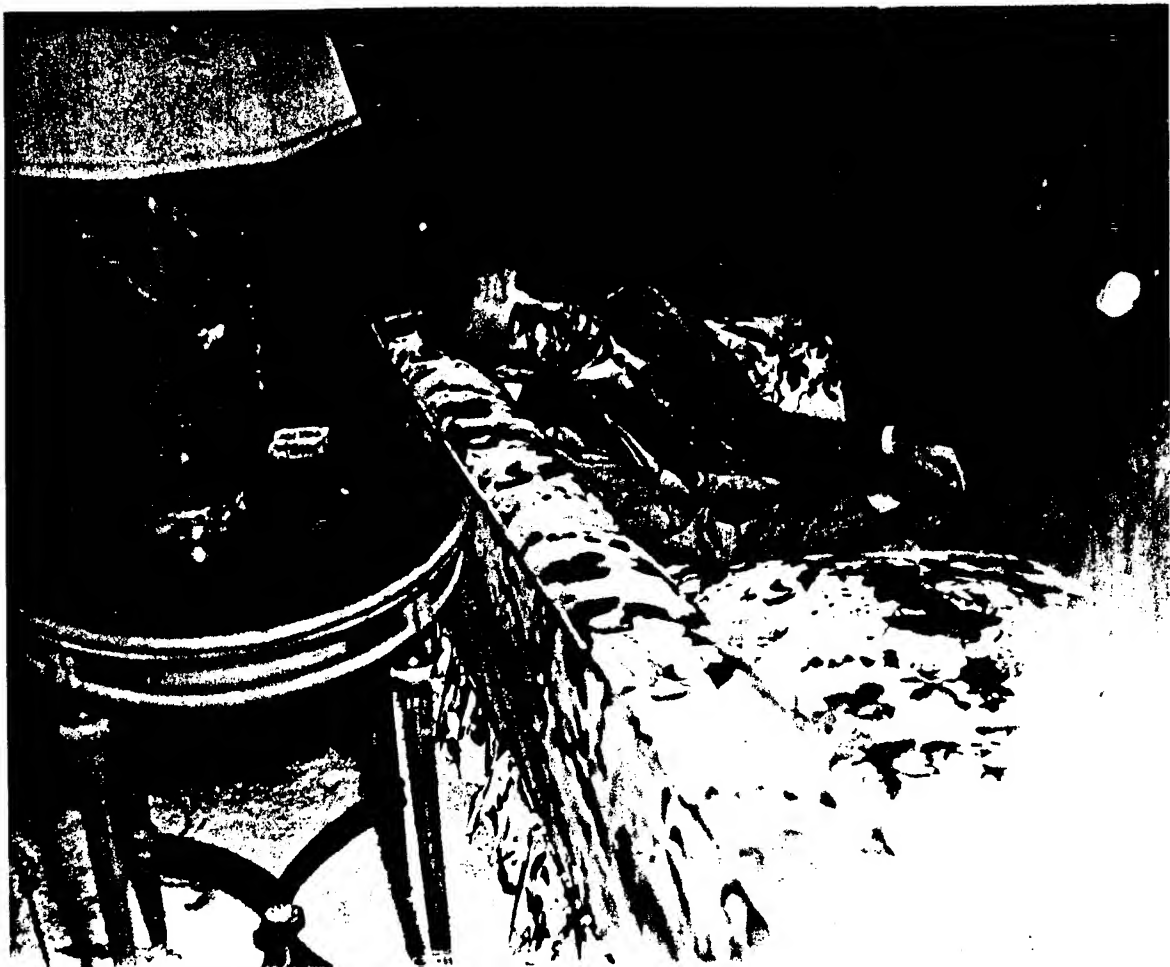




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[REDACTED] had been told by someone in Los Angeles that RE SIEGEL had just been shot at the home of VIRGINIA HILL.

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[REDACTED] none of SIEGEL'S associates at Las Vegas know whether SIEGEL was killed by the Syndicate or by someone else. He stated that anyone with whom SIEGEL has had business dealings the last few months may have had a motive to kill him because SIEGEL had "completely lost his mind" and had become very ruthless and abusive.

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[REDACTED] acquaintance of SIEGEL'S, but who has no connection with the Syndicate or SIEGEL'S business activities, stated that approximately a week ago SIEGEL and VIRGINIA HILL had a very serious argument at the Flamingo Hotel. HILL allegedly saw SIEGEL talking with a cigarette girl in the Flamingo Hotel casino in a manner that HILL did not approve of and that HILL attacked the cigarette girl and began scratching the girl and pulling her hair. SIEGEL forcibly pulled HILL from the cigarette girl. HILL began screaming at SIEGEL calling him a murderer and gangster. [REDACTED] SIEGEL attempted to forcibly remove HILL from the casino and she became abusive toward them calling them murderers and gangsters also. SIEGEL then struck HILL in the face, claiming [REDACTED] that he broke HILL'S nose. He struck her again. [REDACTED] said that HILL screamed that she would commit suicide.

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To: Director, FBI  
Re: SIEGEL

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Informant stated that SIEGEL'S death came as a complete shock to all of SIEGEL'S associates in Las Vegas, including

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] would hardly believe that SIEGEL was actually dead. They immediately attempted to telephone MEYER LANSKY and associates in the East but could reach no one but one

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[REDACTED] in New York City. [REDACTED] stated that the news of SIEGEL'S death came as a shock to him also. Informant said that COHEN, ADONIS, MEYER LANSKY and other leaders in the East are "too smart" to talk on the telephone about the SIEGEL killing because they believe the F.B.I. probably tapped their telephone wires immediately after SIEGEL was killed.

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To: Director, FBI  
Re: SIEGEL

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[REDACTED] advised on June 21, 1947, that he had learned that HILL took an overdose of sleeping tablets and was rushed to the Clark County General Hospital. She remained there one day and one night and was released. b7c b7D

[REDACTED] HILL then packed her clothes and stated that she was going to Paris, France, to marry a wealthy Frenchman who is one of the heirs. b7c  
[REDACTED] She went to Los Angeles, [REDACTED] and later left for New York City. [REDACTED] to arrange passage to Paris, France. At the time of SIEGEL's death, HILL was in Paris.

Informant stated that there is a possibility that when HILL got to New York, she was so angry with SIEGEL that she may have contacted JOE ADONIS and other Syndicate associates in New York City and really "spoiled" information on SIEGEL. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] but that HILL knows FRANK COSTELLO and other Syndicate leaders as a result of her association with ADONIS and SIEGEL. He stated that HILL would be in a better position to know intimately SIEGEL'S plans and activities at the Flamingo Hotel in possibly defrauding the Syndicate and that if she was angry with SIEGEL she could "really put him on the spot" with both factual information and fabricated information. b7D

According to Informant, HILL telephonically contacted SIEGEL from New York or Chicago prior to her departure for Paris, France, and was told by SIEGEL that she could come back to him only if she apologized. [REDACTED] HILL refused to make this apology. b2

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Re: SIEGEL

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Informant further advised that SIEGEL'S widow, ESTHER SIEGEL, [REDACTED] were enroute to Los Angeles for the summer when they learned that SIEGEL had been killed. When they arrived at Los Angeles no one met them or contacted them.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] ESTHER SIEGEL telephoned MEYER LANSKY from Los Angeles on June 21, 1947, and was very bitter. She reminded LANSKY that SIEGEL had always boasted of the large number of friends he had on the West Coast. She informed LANSKY that SIEGEL did not have a single friend but had only enemies.

[REDACTED]

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The Bureau and interested offices will be kept advised of developments in this matter.

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The foregoing information should, of course, be carefully guarded, due to the precarious position of the Informant.

Very truly yours,

*Jay C. Newman*  
JAY C. NEWMAN  
Special Agent in Charge

62-1130  
cc 94-1142

cc - Chicago - AMSD  
cc - Los Angeles - AMSD

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TO : Mr. Tolson ✓

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: JUL 23, 1947

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I furnished the substances of the above [REDACTED] on a confidential basis late last night, with the understanding that it was to be used purely for the purposes of checking. I pointed out that of course the possibility did exist that [REDACTED] although normally we are notified of these transfers and we had no notification.

V. [signature]

LBA [REDACTED] b7c

CC: Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Rosen

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TO : *Rosen*

DATE: June 24, 1947

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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PURPOSE

To summarize information available in Bureau files [REDACTED] also to advise that no information is available on [REDACTED] This is in connection with conversation of [REDACTED] with Assistant Director L. E. Nichols, who was advised that information had been received [REDACTED] were implicated in the Siegel killing.

DETAILS

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] *b7c*  
[REDACTED] *60* *12-81576-463*  
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Bureau files also reflect that there is no reference or information available on [REDACTED] *b7c*

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This is being submitted for your information.

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FROM: Director, FBI

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A representative of [redacted] advised  
the Bureau that an individual using the name  
[redacted] had furnished information  
on the mailing of [redacted].

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This is being furnished you for your information and you can use your discretion in furnishing it to local authorities who are investigating the illegal playing. However, the source of the information should be kept confidential should you choose to make the information available to outside agencies.

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RE: [REDACTED] INFORMATION CONCERNING [REDACTED] THAT  
[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] [REDACTED] SO THAT  
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June 25th 1947

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The enclosed diagram shows the location of the apartment used as a hideout by the Bugs Siegel murderers.

The address is 156-05 Sanford Ave., Flushing, N. Y. The corner apartment is on the fifth floor, with one of the windows, on Main Street, facing the West and the other four windows, on Sanford Avenue, facing the South.

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Mr. Edgar J. Hoover, Director

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For your information the Commissioner of Internal Revenue in Washington, D. C. has been furnished the data furnished above's classification of the [REDACTED]

Accordingly, you are instructed to bring this to the attention of the Agents handling this informant.

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DIRECTOR AND SACS SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, PHOENIX ROUTINE  
VICE CONDITIONS, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, RESEARCH MATTER.

[REDACTED] HAS FURNISHED INFORMATION RECENTLY THAT BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL  
HAD MADE DEFINITE PLANS TO KILL [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO SIEGELS OWN DEATH AND HAD ISSUED  
ORDERS TO JACK DRAGNA AT LOS ANGELES TO HAVE THE PLANS EXECUTED.

[REDACTED] HAD BEEN DELEGATED BY SIEGEL AND JACK DRAGNA TO DO THE KILLING  
AND THAT SIEGELS ORDERS HAVE NOT BEEN COUNTERMANDED.

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MAY HAVE BEEN GUNMEN WHO KILLED SIEGEL.

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cc. Mr. Rosen

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WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. MOVEMENT SHEETS FOR FOLSOM PENITENTIARY FOR JULY THROUGH NOVEMBER, FORTY SIX, AND MARCH, FORTY SEVEN, MAINTAINED IN THIS OFFICE ALSO CHECKED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. SUGGEST SALT LAKE CITY RECHECK WITH INFORMANT IN EFFORT TO SECURE FURTHER PARTICULARS SUCH AS FIRST NAMES, AGES, APPROXIMATE DATE OF RELEASE, CHARGE AND POSSIBLE ALIASES USED

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By the Bureau's memorandum of August 26, 1946 to the Los Angeles Division entitled as above, the Bureau forwarded therewith a report dated August 7, 1946 entitled "ACTIVATION CARONE GANG - MISCELLANEOUS".

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Miss Gandy .....

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Re: **BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION  
CONCERNING CRIME SURVEY**

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Salt Lake City letter to Bureau, dated June 26, 1947, in above captioned case, page number two, wherein is set out that immediately after the killing of SIEGEL, SIEGEL's associates, [REDACTED] telephoned for MEYER GLANSKY but could only reach one [REDACTED] in New York City.

In this connection it is significant to note that confidential sources in Los Angeles advised on June 26, 1947, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On this date at 10:40 p.m., during a later discussion of various national personalities, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On June 27, 1947 other confidential sources advised that [REDACTED] had received a telephone call from an individual, [REDACTED] whom he had a lengthy conversation. [REDACTED]



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July 2, 1947

Re: BENJAMIN "BOGSY" SIEGEL  
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The identities [REDACTED] are unknown to this office and such information is being forwarded Salt Lake Office [REDACTED]

Reference is also made to Salt Lake teletype dated June 30, 1947 covering [REDACTED] presence in Las Vegas. It is requested that the Salt Lake Office advise Los Angeles in the event [REDACTED] departs from Las Vegas in order that Los Angeles may properly cover his activities.

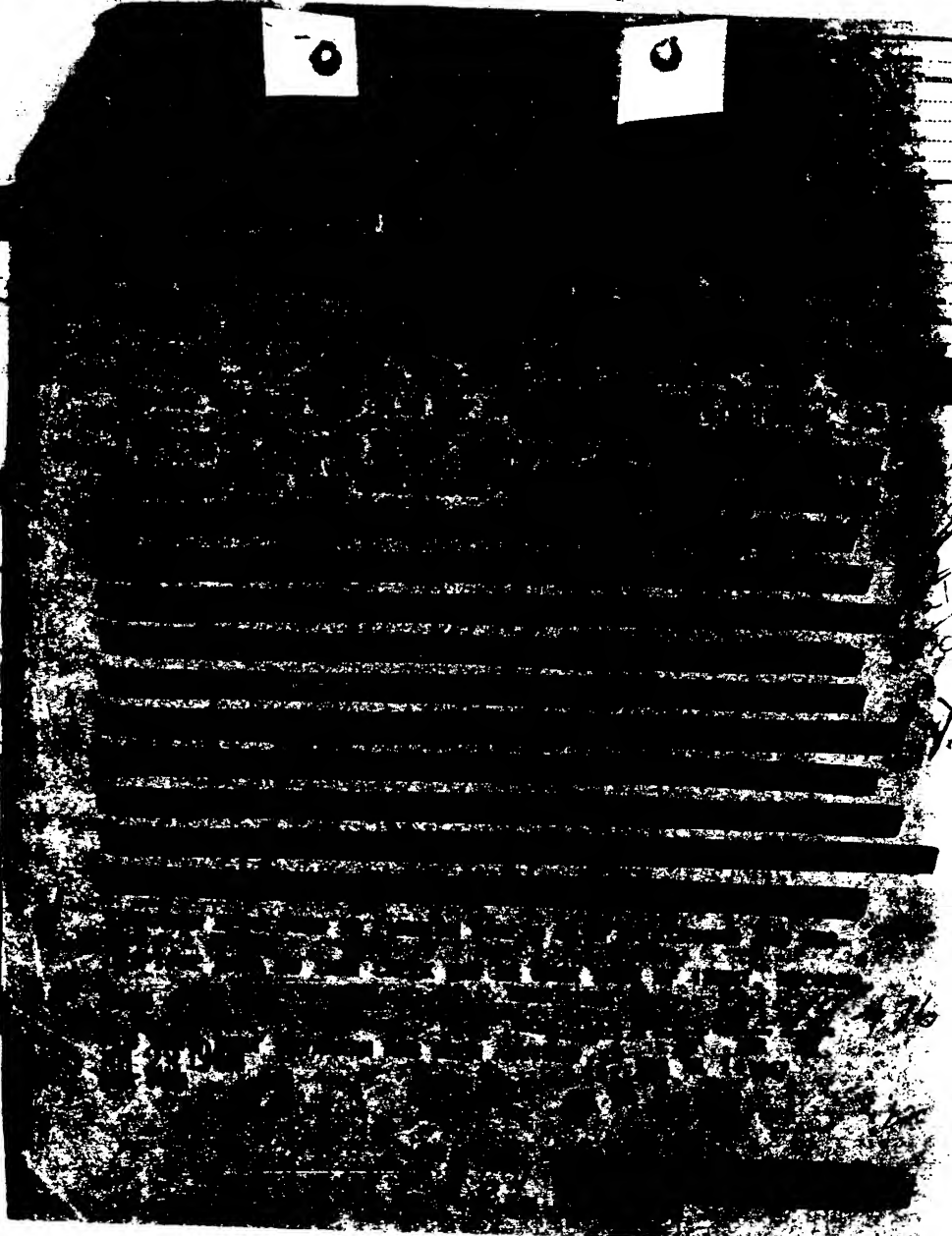
Very truly yours,

*R. B. Wood*  
R. B. WOOD  
Special Agent in Charge

[REDACTED]  
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**United States Department of Justice**  
Los Angeles, California  
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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL  
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CRIME SURVEY

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Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Los Angeles letter dated July 1, 1947, and Salt Lake City teletype dated July 2, 1947 in the above-captioned case.

on July 2, 1947 telephonically requested to know the whereabouts of JACK DRAGNA in Santa Barbara, California, stating that he knew DRAGNA was in a hospital there, however, he did not know the name of the hospital. [redacted] was apprised of the name, which is the Cottage Clinic.

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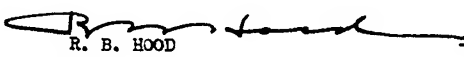
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[REDACTED] completely suspect the activi-  
ties [REDACTED] and conclusively stated that he no doubt "is a listening  
post" and a representative for the New York syndicate headed by FRANK COSTELLO  
and JOE ADONIS. b2  
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Very truly yours,

  
R. B. HOOD  
SAC

[REDACTED] b7c  
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cc - Salt Lake

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Edward A. Tamm  
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. E. A. Tamm *EW*  
FROM : R. A. Rosen  
SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING  
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DATE: July 16, 1947

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The attached letter from the Los Angeles Division dated July 3, 1947, discloses recent activities [REDACTED] in connection with events following the Siegel murder. *b2*

According to the Bureau's files, [REDACTED] *b2*

(65-2542-10340).

In connection with the Furdress investigation in New York City in 1939, information was received [REDACTED] *b2*

(62-29734-370).

An examination of the Identification Division Records fails to reflect that [REDACTED] *b2*

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SAC, Salt Lake City

July 7, 1947

Reference is made to your letter dated June 24, 1947 in the above matter.  
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Re: BENJAMIN "BOGE" SIEGEL;  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION  
CONCERNING - URINE SURVEY

Dear Sir:

[REDACTED]

were "among the first persons at the scene" of the SIEGEL killing at 810 North Linden Drive on June 20, 1947, and that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

probably meant that they conferred with FRED CASTELLO, JOE DONIS, and MEYER LAMMY. [REDACTED] the big shots were "shocked" at the news of SIEGEL's death, and that they believe the Syndicate had nothing to do with the killing. They said that "the big shots" [REDACTED] believe that [REDACTED] may have killed SIEGEL.

[REDACTED]

This information was furnished to the Bureau and the Los Angeles Division by Salt Lake City on July 2, 1947.

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Director, FBI

Re: BENJAMIN "BUCK" SIEGEL

Re: INFO. CONCERNING CRIME PARTY

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Very truly yours,

*Ray P. Newman*  
RAY P. NEWMAN  
SAC

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cc: Los Angeles AIR MAIL  
New York City AIR MAIL

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